

# 12 new computers stolen from LHS

By Ildefonso Ortiz  
*Tiempo Nuevo Editor*

Campus Police is working with Dell Computers to track down 12 new computers that were stolen from the Life and Health Sciences building earlier

this semester.

According to the Campus Police report, the computers were taken from Room 1.704, a storage room inside Room 1.702. The case was classified as a burglary because there were signs of forced entry. The report

said the room's window was broken and its door had prying marks and scratched hinges.

The total value of the computers is \$13,105.

Campus Police Sgt. Armando Pulido said the department is still investigating the Aug. 26

incident.

"We've taken prints, which we sent to DPS," Pulido said, adding that no arrests have been made.

Pulido said the crime is a state

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## Deadline to renew e-mail accounts is extended

By Josie Ruiz  
*Collegian Online Editor*

UTB/TSC students received a kind reminder from a pop-up window on the library computers letting them know that their e-mail account had to be renewed in order to log on.

This semester was the first time students, faculty and staff had to renew their free university user accounts since they were first offered in 1999, said Ray Gonzalez, computer lab supervisor for the Information Resources Department.

Before, students had to show a current statement of charges and a school ID every time they needed to use a computer.

"We decided to use [the user account] system because we wanted to make it more convenient for students to use the computers," Gonzalez said. "As long as they had an account, they didn't need to show proof that they were students."

In the three years since the user accounts were first offered, many students, faculty and staff have come and

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## Team Sting victorious at home

By Alejandro Rivera  
*Sports Editor*

Electricity was in the air as the Lady Scorpions finally played their home opener last Wednesday, upsetting Laredo Community College in three games of a best-of-five match, 30-27, 28-30, 30-27, 30-27.

The win improves Team Sting's record to 2-6 overall and 1-2 in conference.

Some of the players were in disbelief after the win.

"It's about time we beat Laredo," outside hitter Keli Loff said. "It's great winning our first game. ... So, come out and see us the rest of the season."

Originally scheduled for Sept. 25, the home opener was postponed after members of the Laredo team became ill.

In the first game, Team Sting got off to a fast start but soon found itself behind 20-10. They appeared lost, playing soft and not making kills. The Scorpions regained their composure after a few Laredo miscues and rallied to win 30-27.

"I thought they did very well; I think they rose to the occasion," UTB/TSC volleyball coach Skippy Brown said.

In the second game, Team Sting got off to a fast start at 5-2 but soon found itself in a tug-of-points, trading the lead with Laredo. They were tied at 28 until Laredo took the last two points to win the set and tie the



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**Middle blocker Xochitl Garza (left) goes up for a spike set up by setter Cathryn Hayslip during warmups held before Team Sting's home opener Wednesday in the Garza Gym.**

match at 1-1.

"The secret is that they've just got to keep maintaining that edge," Brown said. "If they can keep maintaining that edge, then they can win a lot of games."

Game 3 saw the Lady Scorpions get off to another quick start as they jumped to a 15-8 lead, but errors allowed Laredo to get back into it. Laredo eventually rallied to within a point at 28-27 but UTB/TSC was able to score the

last two points and end the rally to go ahead 2-1 in the match. Most notable was the enthusiasm of the crowd as they cheered in excitement and got into the game.

"They actually came through, they played really [well]," said Joel Enrique Camposeco, a freshman respiratory therapy major. "[They] surprised me pretty good, they played a really good game."

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## Stolen

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jail felony, which carries a penalty of 180 days to two years in jail and a fine up to \$10,000.

"We are asking that if anybody saw anything, please call Campus Police at 544-8233," he said.

The police department is planning several crime prevention seminars this semester.

David Marquez, a crime prevention officer for Campus Police, offered some tips for students to avoid being victims of theft or burglaries.

Marquez said that when students get to campus they should make sure they have no valuables in plain view in their car, roll up its windows and make all of its doors are locked.

"Valuables can be anything that a perpetrator can sell back, like backpacks, calculators, book, radios, etc.," he said. "Be more careful."

He said that when possible, park in university parking lots.

"Some students park on 18th and 19th streets as well as on Jackson Street," Marquez said. "That's where most of the break-ins occur, so it's better if they park on university parking lots because they get patrolled a little more."

Once on campus, Marquez advises, students should not leave their personal belongings unattended.

"Even if you think that it's just for a few seconds to go to the restroom or something, that's just enough time for someone to take a backpack," he said.

Marquez said some of the seminar topics will include theft, burglary, assault, confrontations, as well as identity theft and other crimes.

"We don't have incidents of serious crimes on campus, but it's better to educate the campus community to avoid any future incidents," he said.

Marquez said he would like to receive feedback from students, faculty and staff as to when would be the best dates and times to have the courses.

For more information or to suggest a time and date for a seminar, send an e-mail to Marquez at [dmarquez@utb.edu](mailto:dmarquez@utb.edu).

## Briefs

Pianist **Edison Quintana** will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children and senior citizens and \$3 for UTB/TSC students with a valid ID.

The **UTB/TSC University/Community Orchestra** featuring pianist **Francisco Rocafuerte** will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, located at East Elizabeth and Sixth streets. Admission is \$3.

Soprano **Amy Brownlow** will perform with pianist **Mina Kim Kramer** at 8 p.m. Friday in First Presbyterian Church, 435 Palm Blvd. Admission is \$3.

**David Rice**, a Valley native and author of the award-winning "Crazy Loco," will give a **public reading** from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the SET-B Lecture Hall. He also will be available to sign copies of his book, "Give the Pig a Chance and Other Short Stories," which is available at the UTB/TSC Bookstore. For more information, call the **Developmental and General Education** office at 574-6791.

The **Counseling and Career Services Center** will present a workshop titled "**Substance Abuse: How Am I Hurting?**" from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in Student Health Services Conference Room 204. Refreshments will be served. The workshop is part of the center's "**Food for the Soul, Food for the Body**" enrichment series. For more information, call Ricardo Ayala at 544-8292.

Teatro Milagro will present "**Frida, Un Retablo**," a series of visual stories about the legendary Mexican painter, at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Jacob Brown Auditorium. Teatro Milagro is a touring company of the Oregon-based Miracle Theater Group. Tickets (\$20, \$10, \$8 and \$5) are available in the auditorium's lobby. For more information, call 983-7944.

The **Conflict Resolution Center** will conduct a workshop titled "**Your Conflict Style**" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in South Hall 102.

**Susan Shapiro Barash**, a professor of critical thinking, gender studies and screenwriting at Marymount Manhattan College in New York City, will discuss "Mothers-in-Law and Daughters-in-Law" on the radio program "**Society Under Fire**," which airs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday on KMBH-FM (88.9). Barash is the author of numerous books, most recently, "Mothers-in-Law and Daughters-in-Law: Love, Hate, Rivalry and Reconciliation" and "Women of Divorce: Mothers, Daughters and Stepmothers--The New Triangle." **David Pearson**, associate professor of sociology in the Behavioral Sciences Department, hosts the program.

The **Gorgas Science Society** will meet at 1 p.m. Friday in Life and Health Sciences Room 2.806. The society will make plans for Rio Reforestation and Día del Rio. Volunteers at the events, which take place over the next two Saturdays, will help plant native trees and plants in local nature preserves. For more information, e-mail [gorgassociety@yahoo.com](mailto:gorgassociety@yahoo.com).

The combined **Alliance Francaise French Club and Edelweiss German Club** will meet at 7 p.m. Friday in South Hall 122. Porter High School French teacher **Terry Stinson** will make a presentation on Chartres Cathedral. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Milo Kearney at 544-8260.

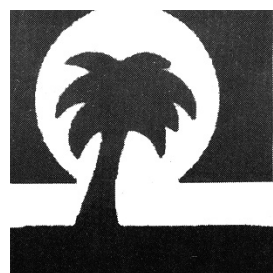
**Rene Torres**, an assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, was recognized Sunday as one of 13 "**Notable Valley Hispanics**" by the University of Texas-Pan American Library's Friends of the Library. Torres has served the students of several different Texas universities since 1979 and has been a mentor to hundreds of student teachers. He also is a respected authority in sports history and frequently called upon for his input and insights.

Professors, students and candidates from various political parties will speak out against **Washington's war drive** at noon Oct. 14 at the gazebos. For more information, contact the **Young Socialists of the Rio Grande Valley** at [rgvys@yahoo.com](mailto:rgvys@yahoo.com)

The **Brownsville Society for the Performing Arts** will present a piano clinic with Latin Jazz Festival headliner **Chuchito Váldez Jr.** at noon Oct. 19 in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is free.

The **Counseling and Career Services Department** will conduct a **Career Expo** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 24 in the old student center. Students are encouraged to bring their transcripts and resumes and be dressed for success. For more information, call 544-8292.

Valley Baptist Medical Center's **mobile mammography unit** will be on campus from 8:20 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23-24 to conduct **breast cancer screening**. Each screening costs \$65. (UT Select may cover part of this procedure.) To make an appointment, contact **Adelina Buentello**, secretary for Student Health Services, at 544-8951.



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# Professional Women *sí pueden*

By **Jamie Standeford**

*Staff Writer*

Lidia Díaz, assistant professor of Modern Languages, will be this semester's keynote speaker for the "Professional Women Speak" seminar.

"I will try to present a story of myself; how I became a professional, all of the obstacles I had to overcome, how difficult it was for me to get to this point, how tough it was for me to leave my country to come here and how many doors were opened for me in this country that were closed in [mine]," Díaz said.

"Professional Women Speak" was established in 1981 and was co-founded by Juliet V. García, then the TSC dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and now president of UTB/TSC, and Ethel Cantu, then a TSC counselor and now an associate professor of Behavioral Sciences and trustee for "Professional Women Speak."

The seminar recognizes women in professional fields who have, before and after their schooling, achieved much success due to their hard work and determination.

Deloria Nanze-Davis, chairman of the Mathematics Department and president of "Professional Women Speak," said that there wasn't much deliberation in choosing a candidate.

"We're trying to get involved in Hispanic Heritage Month," Nanze-Davis said. "Someone suggested her name and everyone agreed. We thought she would be a very interesting person to be our speaker."

Díaz was delighted by the invitation and graciously accepted.

"I felt very honored because I understand the importance of women's voices in every aspect of our lives," Díaz said. "And this organization is doing a wonderful job of trying to show how women developed in the profession they are in now. Having been selected as one of them is really an honor for me."

Díaz, a native of Argentina, came to the United States with her husband, Mario, and two children in 1988 after her husband won a two-year fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh for a postdoctoral position.

"At the beginning, we came [to the States] for two years, and then we decided to stay two more years to study," Díaz said. "And then two years later, our country's situation was worse [and] we decided not to go back. It wasn't an easy decision. I love my country with all of my heart: my sister, my mother, [the] streets, [the] smell, [the] music."

Díaz said that in coming to the States, there were many opportunities for women to hold a professional position.

"Sometimes I was very disappointed because it was not easy in Argentina," Díaz said. "After you started and got a good position, you have to compete, not only with some machista issues, but also with corruption. But education for me, in any



*Lidia Díaz*

area, was the key. I knew since the beginning that without education I wouldn't have been able to go anywhere in life. My husband was my great motivator. He pushed me to go on and continue."

Although Díaz admits that her husband, who is interim chairman of UTB/TSC's Engineering Technology Department, has influenced her greatly, she says that her role model is her daughter, Macarena.

"My daughter is a role model for

me," Díaz said. "I admire her so much. She is very intelligent. We are very close friends. She got her Ph.D. in clinical psychology and moved to New York."

Díaz's presentation, titled "¡Sí, Se Puede! ("Yes, It Can Be Done!"), will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. As part of her presentation, three members of Teatro Universitario La Ventana will perform a 10-minute scene from a play. A reception will follow.



## 6th Annual Brownsville Latin Jazz Fest October 17-19, 2002

### Performance Schedule Oct. 17th

#### 8-9:30 p.m.

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#### 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Dance and dine under the stars with **Ritmo Caribe**, a hot 12-piece salsa band from Corpus Christi. (Rio Steak House patio in Paseo Plaza, Ruben Torres Blvd., and Paredes Line Rd., Brownsville. \$10 cover at the door.)

### Oct. 18th

**4:30 to 5 p.m.**- Autograph session with Chuchito Valdés, Sunrise Mall, Center Court

**8 p.m. to 1 a.m.**- "One Night in La Habana" Gala Dance Concert with headliner **Chuchito Valdés Jr.** and his Afro-Cuban Jazz Ensemble, featuring saxophonist Laksar Reese. Ritmo Caribe opens. Art by Toni Hudson and a fine Cuban photo exhibit on display in the lobby. Jacob Brown Auditorium, 600 International Blvd. \$20 general admission (open table seating), \$500 reserved VIP tables for eight. Great food & drinks available inside auditorium throughout event.

### Oct. 19th

**Noon-** Free Latin Jazz Piano Clinic with Chuchito Valdés, SET-B Lecture Hall, UTB/TSC campus.

**5 to 6 p.m.**- Autograph session with **Del Castillo and The Brew**, Capitol Theatre.

**5 to 7 p.m.**- "Days of Art" Highlight of three-day art show is the live art auction and Latin jazz music. Plaseo Plaza, Ruben Torres Blvd. and Paredes Line Rd.

**3 to 10 p.m.**- **Capitol Theatre Latin Jazz Street Party.** A free street dance party in historic Downtown Brownsville with food, drinks and great live music. From South Texas: UTPA Latin Jazz Ensemble, Unlimited Jazz Dancers, and the Meade-Murphy Band with the dean of Valley jazz, saxophonist Rene Sandoval. Dance concert concludes with Del Castillo and The Brew, hot flamenco-Latin-Jazz fusion bands from Austin, both with members originally from Brownsville.

**5 to 6:30 p.m.**- Inside the theater, CINESOL will screen the documentary film, "Buena Vista Social Club." Free admission. 11th and Levee streets.

**10 p.m. to 2 a.m.**- Festival after-party with salsa band, Latin Talk from Corpus Christi, at Cobbleheads Bar & Grill (3154 Central Blvd., 956-546-6224).



Itinerary subject to change without notice. For complete festival information and ticket outlets, visit the BSPA Web site at [www.brosociety.org](http://www.brosociety.org) or call **Liz Amill** at (956) 639-3448.

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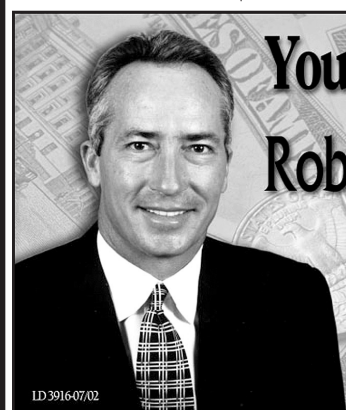
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# Hunter Room seeks your ghost stories

**Leslie Robinson**  
*Staff Reporter*

The library's Hunter Room is collecting stories of ghosts that are haunting UTB/TSC.

"What we are attempting to do is gather together in one publication all of the stories about ghosts here at Fort Brown," said John Hawthorne, archivist and manager of the special collections in the Hunter Room. "It is one of the most common questions we get here at the Hunter Room and no one has ever tried to do anything like this before."

According to Hawthorne, for many years there have been many reported incidents of apparitions.

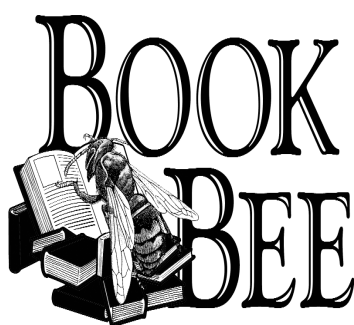
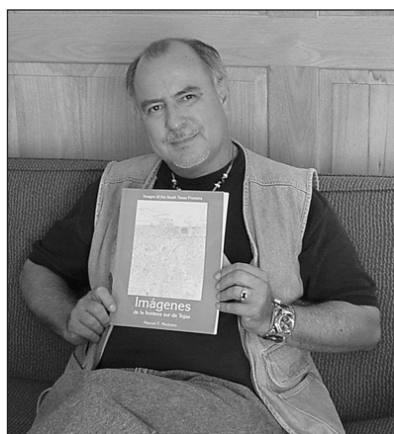
"Many students and employees have seen soldiers marching, a little boy searching for his mother, a guy who haunts the second floor in the library, [and many others]," he said.

Anyone who has had a ghost-like encounter at Fort Brown and would like to share his or her story is encouraged to submit it. There is no limit to the number of stories. The deadline to submit a story is Nov. 1.

"They can write the story themselves and bring it to the Hunter Room, they can email it to [jhawthorne@utb.edu](mailto:jhawthorne@utb.edu), or if they don't want to write it they can come by here and we will interview them," Hawthorne said.

The book will be published in late spring and will be sold at the Hunter Room and at the UTB/TSC Bookstore.

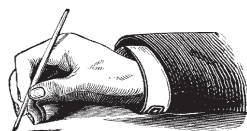
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**Meets:** At noon every Friday in the Student Union's Bougainvillea Room.

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**For more information:** call 554-5030 or e-mail [iso\\_utb@hotmail.com](mailto:iso_utb@hotmail.com).

--Compiled by Leslie Robinson



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*Members of the International Students Organization include (front row, from left) Saul Ramirez; Margarita Salcedo; Tony Daboub, sponsor; and Mario Guajardo. Second row: Maricar Christl V. Zarate; member coordinator; Zahra Al-haddad, treasurer; Liliana Galindo, president; Gerardo Lara, secretary; Vanessa Hinojosa, historian; and Lisa Galindo, vice president. Third row: Rosy Rosas; Becky Gomez; Thelma Sullivan, sponsor; Mari Galindo; Claudia Llanas; Mariana Rodriguez; Jhoanna Yuvienco; and Perla Garza. Fourth row: Israel Linarte; Tao Ma; Gayatri Nandigam; and Francisco Ramirez.*

## Correction

An article about Manuel Medrano's appointment as a consultant for Prentice Hall in the Sept. 30, 2002 issue of The Collegian incorrectly stated that changes to history textbooks are going to be made immediately by the publisher rather than waiting for the state Board of Education's final decision later this year. In fact, the publisher will propose the changes before the board's decision to adopt the text. Also, Medal of Honor recipient Jose M. Lopez testified before the Texas State Board of Education, not his daughter.



# Push to deport family stirs debate on college tuition breaks

By Dianne Solis

*Dallas Morning News*

DALLAS--Jesus Apodaca, an honor student, wanted to be the first in his Mexican immigrant family to go to college, but now he may become the first to be deported.

The shy, skinny 18-year-old from a Denver-area suburb has kicked off a messy debate over the nation's contradictory patchwork of immigration policies and practices. Most immigrants--legal and illegal--are encouraged to get an education and to use public health services. Yet, after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a national debate bolstered the view that U.S. laws against undocumented immigrants should be more strictly enforced.

During the tumult of the last year, Apodaca was earning a nearly perfect grade-point average that won him acceptance into the University of Colorado. But under university rules--similar to those at scores of colleges around the nation--Apodaca was told he would have to pay pricey, out-of-state tuition because he is an undocumented immigrant. The sum of \$7,500 a semester put college education out of his reach.

When his tale was featured in the Denver Post in August, an incensed Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., had a solution: Deport the teenager and any other family members here illegally.

"Because you are an A student, we should ignore the fact that you are here illegally and tell everyone in America who is here because they came the right way that they have been suckers?" asked the congressman rhetorically on the floor of the House last week.

In an interview last week, Tancredo said he has not changed his mind. "I am not asking that they send a SWAT team," said the congressman, who is the grand-

son of Italian immigrants. But an investigation is warranted, he said.

The Denver office of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service said the investigation continues.

Day by day, the saga of Apodaca seems to mirror the love-hate relationship that America has with its immigrant past and its immigrant present. Last week, another Republican politico from Colorado stepped in to say he would introduce a private relief bill that would give permanent residency to the Apodacas.

U.S. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell,

who is a chief in the Northern Cheyenne tribe, is also the grandson of an undocumented immigrant and his sympathies were stoked. Plus, he noted that Hispanics are being aggressively courted for the November election by his Republican Party.

The bill, however, will have a difficult time winning passage as Congress' session will end soon and is consumed by homeland security and the possible military entanglement in Iraq, observers note.

Meanwhile, the Apodacas have fled their home in Aurora, a bustling suburb

of Denver. Through a third party, Apodaca declined to comment. Apodaca, his parents and siblings, who are also here illegally, are being sheltered by the Mexican consulate office in Denver, supporters say.

"All the embassies and consulates have as one of their goals to protect Mexicans living in their regions," says Miguel Monterubio, a Mexican Embassy spokesman.

Pro-immigrant groups in Denver and other parts of the nation have galvanized

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# Campus Police Report

*Editor's Note: Following are among the incidents reported to Campus Police from May to Sept. 30.*

## May

At 1 p.m. May 13, Campus Police received a call from a Physical Plant employee who claimed that a male individual was harassing her. A Campus Police officer talked to the individual and advised him to not go to the office.

At 3:36 a.m. May 26, two Campus Police officers on patrol noticed a struggle inside a car at the intersection of Washington Street and International Boulevard. The couple inside the vehicle said that they were just having an argument. After consulting with both parties, the officers left.

At 11:42 a.m. May 30, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to the Life Health and Sciences Building in reference to a stolen laptop computer. The officer spoke with an Allied Health secretary, who stated that at 4:30 p.m. May 29 she placed six laptop computers in the storage room. Upon her return the following day, she noticed a computer was missing. At 1 p.m. the secretary called Campus Police to say that the missing computer had been found; a professor had taken it to class.

## June

At 4 p.m. June 3, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to the Business Office in response to a disruptive student. The student had complained about his classes being dropped due to past due payments. He became irritated and called the Business Office employees "a bunch of ---ing morons" and left.

At 1:13 p.m. June 5, a 1995 gray Saturn SL-1 struck a red Dodge Spirit after running a stop sign. There were no injuries reported; the driver of the Saturn was cited for failure to yield at a stop sign and for not having insurance. The driver of the red Dodge was cited for not having a driver's license.

At 11:30 a.m. June 6, a Campus Police officer was dispatched in reference to a hit-and-run. A student reported that she had parked her Dodge Dakota in the student parking lot outside Tandy Hall. Upon her return, she found her truck had been struck on the rear passenger side.

At 10:17 a.m. June 12, two vehicles

collided on Ringgold Road near the Physical Plant. No injuries were reported.

At 1:49 p.m. June 17, two vehicles collided in the student parking lot outside SET-B. No injuries were reported.

## July

At 10:30 July 8, two Campus Police officers were dispatched to Duffey Plaza in regard to a suspicious person. The person, who claimed to be looking for aluminum cans, apologized for any inconvenience and left the area.

At 3:10 July 15, a Chevrolet pickup truck backed up into a Chevrolet Ventura on the 1600 block of Ridgely Road. There were no injuries; however the driver of the truck was cited for backing without safety and for not having a driver's license.

At 1:38 p.m. July 24, a Campus Police officer met with a custodial staff member who reported that some property had been taken from his golf cart while it was parked outside Rusteberg Hall. He had parked the cart to enter the building and upon returning noticed his cell phone and a portable radio missing.

At 12:34 p.m. July 26, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to Tandy Hall in regard to harassing phone calls. The employee told Campus Police she previously had made a report with the constable's office and proceeded to make a report with Campus Police.

At 1:45 p.m. July 31, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to the student parking lot outside Tandy Hall in response to a hit-and-run. A student reported that she had parked her vehicle at 1:30 p.m. and upon her return noticed the rear bumper was cracked. There were no witnesses of the incident.

At 4:27 p.m. the same day, two automobiles collided in the student parking lot in Tandy Hall. The vehicles were a 2000 Buick Le Sabre and a 1992 Mercury Grand Marquis.

At 7:35 p.m. later that day, a student approached a Campus Police officer to report that his vehicle had been burglarized outside of South Hall. Taken were two Moen faucets. Campus Police reported no signs of forced entry. The car already had a broken window covered in plastic and a driver's side door that did not

lock.

## August

At 2:11 Aug. 1, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to Duffey Plaza in response to a report of harassment. An employee reported that a former employee showed up to pick up her paycheck. While there she allegedly used abusive language and remarked that they were going to pay for it.

At 7:50 p.m. Aug. 2, two Campus Police officers on patrol spotted four individuals playing baseball at Scorpion Field. The officer proceeded to ask the men if they were authorized to use the field. The officers told the men they could not use university facilities without prior consent.

At 4:49 p.m. Aug. 4, Argus Security reported to Campus Police that a smoke alarm had sounded at the Cueto Building. After an inspection, everything was found to be in place. The Brownsville Fire Department said that thunder might have set off the alarm.

At 11:43 p.m. Aug. 6, Campus Police investigated a suspicious vehicle that was parked at the entrance to Physical Plant. The vehicle had been parked there for four days. No further information was available.

At 7:20 a.m. Aug. 9, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to Duffey Plaza in response to a call about damage from criminal mischief. An employee reported that a picnic table and bench were thrown from the third level of the parking lot.

At 11:47 a.m. the same day, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to the student parking lot outside SET-B, where a student reported that the taillight of her Chrysler Cirrus was broken. She said it was the result of an altercation she had with another student over a parking space.

At 5:12 p.m. Aug. 14, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to the student parking outside SET-B in reference to a broken windshield. A staff member reported that at 7:45 a.m. she parked her vehicle there and upon her return she noticed the windshield of her vehicle was cracked.

At 1:31 a.m. Aug. 22, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to the Cortez Building in response to a broken burglar bar.

At 8:30 a.m. Aug. 23, a Physical

Plant employee working next to the former National Guard Armory accidentally damaged the rear bumper of a university van by hitting a light post while backing up. No injuries were reported and no citation was issued.

At 8 p.m. Aug. 28, a Campus Police officer responded to a report of someone shooting at birds near the levee behind Physical Plant. The individual who was shooting the birds with a BB gun was released after a brief interrogation.

## September

At 8:49 p.m. Sept. 9, a Pontiac Firebird struck a Campus Police unit outside the Circle K on Jackson Street while backing out. The driver was cited for not having a driver's license, not having liability insurance and backing out without safety.

At 12:30 p.m. Sept. 11, a student reported that he parked his Ford Crown Victoria outside South Hall and upon his return found a scratch on the driver's side that ran from the door to the back panel. An officer responding to the incident found scratches on the passenger's side, too.

At 2:15 p.m. Sept. 11, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to the second floor of the Arnulfo Oliveira Memorial Library in response to a student who had passed out. The student was transported by ambulance to Brownsville Medical Center. No further information was available.

At 6:20 Sept. 16, a Campus Police Officer responded to a fire alarm in South Hall. Several students and faculty members identified the individual who pulled the alarm. After questioning, the juvenile was released.

At 5:36 Sept. 20, a Campus Police officer went to the Municipal Golf Course, where six Brownsville Police units had taken a break-in suspect into custody. The suspect allegedly broke in through a window and caused some damage in the Pro Shop. No further information was available.

At 2:46 Sept. 23, Campus Police responded to a multi-vehicle accident outside the faculty and staff parking lot on Gorgas Drive. The vehicles involved were a Chevrolet Blazer, a Dodge Caravan, a Dodge Stratus and a Mercury Grand Marquis. The driver of the Blazer was cited for failing to control speed and not having liability insurance.

--Compiled by Ildefonso Ortiz



# Letter from a Longhorn: Extracurricular activities

By **Trey Mendez**

Now that I have done my best to get settled in as a full-time student at the University of Texas at Austin, some friends and I have been wandering around campus during breaks just to see what else is out there. Sure, we should be studying, but that stuff is getting old. Even though there are many hangouts on campus, most of our adventures end at the Student Union.

For those of you who don't know, the Student Union at UT has a food court and a bowling alley, along with several other places for students to congregate. Outside of the Union, though, is where a free speech area guarantees excitement. One day, in the span of five minutes I saw a guy giving a speech about mullets, another dude lying in the grass feeding a squirrel that was sitting on his stomach, and a group of people who were protesting money laundering by literally washing money, or "laundering it."

As I write this article, I am looking forward to attending my first UT football game, the Oct. 5 match-up against Oklahoma State. By the time you read this, though, the game will be old news. Hopefully, the 'Horns gave them a good whoopin'. The only threats left on the schedule appear to be against Kansas State, Oklahoma, Iowa State and Texas A&M. Speaking of football, one of the nicest views of the football stadium can be found on the fifth floor of the law school library, which I am told has the largest collection of Penthouse magazines in the country. These "books" are located on the sixth floor.

I am really enjoying my time in law school. The great thing about UT is that the student population is quite culturally diverse, which makes the experience even more fun. There are people from all over the United States and some from as far away as China. My classes are incredibly challenging, but fun at the same time, and my professors are brilliant. Hopefully, I can stay focused

and motivated. That shouldn't be too hard, considering the fact that I only have two years and eight months to go. (For those of you who aren't gifted in math, that translates into a little under 1,000 days.) Come to think about it though, that's a pretty long time.

For now, I'm surviving with the help of my George Foreman Grill, my TV,

my DVD player and most of all, my CDs. Even though there isn't too much time to goof off and watch TV or listen to music, any excuse is a good excuse to relax and get away from my homework.

I hope this article proved to be worth the reading. Maybe you'll like it, maybe you won't, but either way, don't blame me. I'm just a poor college student try-

ing to survive in a foreign land of mullets, squirrels and undergraduate money launderers.

Until next time, this is Trey Mendez saying, "Take all your big plans and break them, this is bound to be a while."

*Trey Mendez is a 2002 graduate of UTB/TSC and former sports editor for The Collegian.*

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Game 4 was a struggle all the way through as the teams exchanged the lead several times. The set was tied at 27 when Team Sting proceeded to shut the door on a Laredo surge to win the set and match 30-27. Team Sting's victory came primarily because outside hitter Mignon Talk rallied the last five points.

"I just knew it was crunch time and I knew I had to get my serves in so that's what I did," Talk said.

Players and fans cheered as the final point was scored. A small celebration followed as the players rejoiced. Some couldn't believe the team came together as they did to beat Laredo.

"[I am] very excited, I'm so surprised that we finally got it together as a team," middle blocker Xochitl Garza said.

Brown was just as happy about the win but was not as surprised.

"I feel absolutely great, that's what I came down here to do, to win," Brown said. "Theoretically, Laredo I thought was the second best team in the conference as far as looking at them play. I think I'm more happy for the girls than I am for me. The secret is that they've just got to keep maintaining that edge, if they can keep maintaining that edge then they can win a lot of games. The players did it. I know that we won a home game but all I do is run practice and work on the things that we need to work on. When it

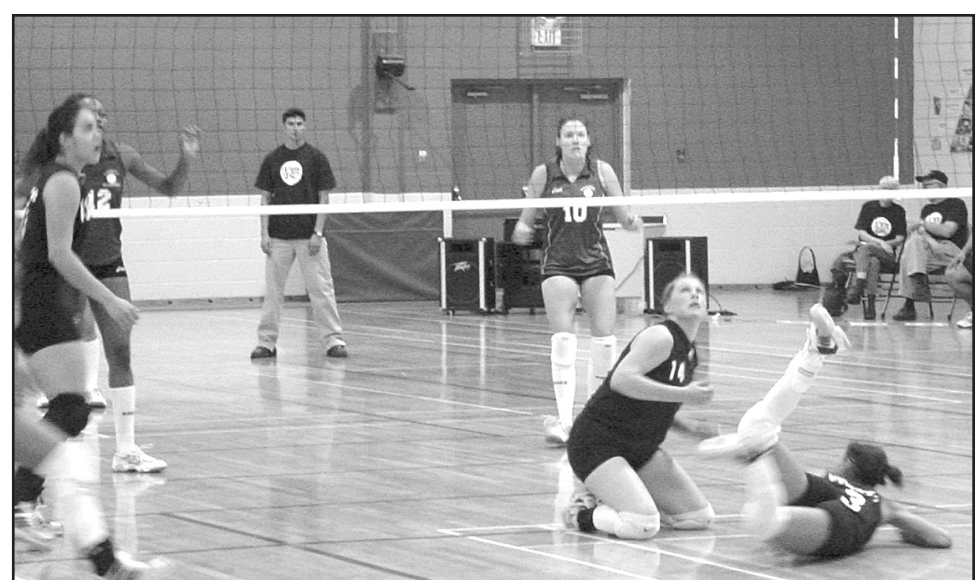
comes right down to it, the players have got to win the game and they did it today and that's the most important thing for these players, to know what it's like to win and feel it and maintain that level of competitiveness."

Brown explained that all nine players (middle blocker Xochitl Garza, setter Cathryn Hayslip and outside hitters Jessica Vargas, Monica Garza, Liz Moreno, Stephanie Maria, Keli Loff, Crystal Bosmans and Mignon Talk) are starters and they all did their jobs.

"There's nine starters on this team and they deserve the credit," Brown said. "Not just six, not just seven, but nine people went out there and did the job. The players work really well together and help each other in practice instead of being envious towards a starter. It's like they all work together to help each other get better and you can't ask for a better coaching situation. A lot of times you have a bunch of prima donnas and high-maintenance, self-destructive people out there and I'm used to that but I'm not used to everybody just being nice to each other."

Brown spoke of the girls who stood out, though he praised all nine players.

"The person on the team that gives me 100 percent, 100 percent of the time is Crystal Bosmans, without a doubt," Brown said. "Even if she's not the leading scorer, even if she makes a mistake it doesn't make any difference because her level of intensity can really make this



ALEJANDRO RIVERA/COLLEGIAN

*Outside hitter Jessica Vargas dives into a dig as setter Cathryn Hayslip looks on during Team Sting's home opening match against Laredo Community College Wednesday in the Garza Gym.*

team win. If they can all just stay at her level of intensity, which is really hard for anybody ... is very difficult to do, never quit and just keep going at them. To me she stood out the most ... she is a winner. If [it] rubs off on those other girls they can climb high."

He also praised Hayslip for her play and her words.

"[Hayslip] did a really good job but that's her job," Brown said. "The setter to me is my quarterback, I communicate

with her."

Brown said Hayslip stood up in front of the girls at their meeting after the win and said that this win meant more to her than all of last year, which is a bold statement since she was First Team All-Conference and a member of a high-ranking playoff team.

"[That is] a lot better than I could say it," Brown said. "I think they're going to do well."

# Athlete of the Week

By **Alejandro Rivera**  
*Sports Editor*

**Name:** Crystal Bosmans  
**High School:** Lanier High School, San Antonio  
**Classification:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Undecided  
**Position:** Outside hitter  
**Height:** 5'8"  
**Hobbies:** Sports, shopping and going out.  
**Favorite Food:** Fried chicken  
**Favorite Team:** N.Y. Yankees  
**Began playing volleyball in:** the seventh grade

**What do you like about playing volleyball?** "The fact that it's a team sport and that in order to win you need everybody's participation."

**Personal Goals:** "To get my associate's degree."

**Team Goals:** "To work as one on the court so we can play better and more as a team."



**Awards/Honors:** First Team All-District in 2001, 2000, 1999. Also Top 20 Hitters in San Antonio.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** "Hopefully, I will have a degree, a steady job, and close to being well-off. I want a good job, car, and house."

# Intramural Schedule

## Fall 2002



<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Tennis Singles	Oct. 7 & 9 *(Oct. 14 & 16)
Tennis Doubles	Oct. 22 & 24 *(Oct. 29 & 31)
Tennis Mixed Doubles	Nov. 4 & 6 *(Nov. 12 & 14)
Table Tennis Singles	Nov. 11
Table Tennis Doubles	Nov. 19
One Mile Scorpion Run	Nov. 20 *(Nov. 25)
Co-Ed Volleyball (Teams must have 3 women and 3 men on the court at all times)	Nov. 25-27 *Make-up date in case of rain

All events will begin at **2 p.m.** on scheduled dates unless otherwise posted. Participation is open to UTB/TSC students and employees only. Equipment is provided. A current ID must be presented when registering for an Intramural event. For more information contact the Kinesiology department at **544-8290** or visit us at the Garza Gym.



# Rookie and Beltman take on baseball gods

By **Alejandro Rivera**

*Sports Editor*

The baseball season is now over but the best is yet to come as the Boys of Summer get down to the few elite that I like to call the October boys. What started as 32 teams now consists only of 8. The Rook didn't do too badly picking the teams this year.

In the National League I had picked the New York Mets to win the East but instead they pulled in an embarrassing last place and I now disown them as my favorite team, at least until next year. In my defense, I did say Atlanta would be close behind. So I got it a little mixed up; instead it was the Braves closing the season in first and the Mets behind everyone. I picked the St. Louis Cardinals to win the NL Central. They did, so there you go. I thought the Dodgers would win the West but they fell off late in the season and Arizona was able to win it with San Francisco taking the wild card.

In the American League I correctly picked the New York Yankees to win the East, but so did everyone else that picks sports, with the exception of people in Boston. Yet I was way off on the other two. Last year I went out on a limb and picked the Chicago White Sox. I should have gone out on a cliff and jumped instead because who would have known the Minnesota Twins would be victorious there. I sure didn't and Commissioner Bud Selig didn't either, for he almost retracted them in the off-season. In the West it was the Oakland A's who took it with the Anaheim Angels following as the wild card. Yes, the Angels, not the Mariners or Red Sox. Who would have guessed?

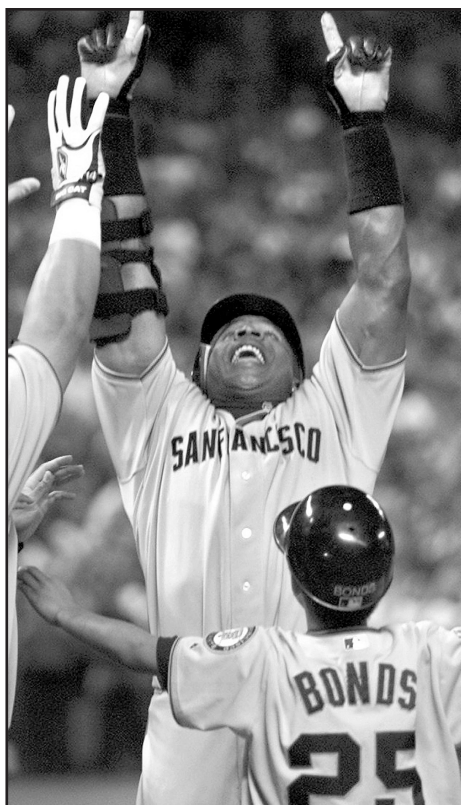
The first round of games had the St. Louis Cardinals taking on the defending World Champion Arizona Diamondbacks. I like the Cardinals because I believe they can beat Arizona, yet you just can't count out the Randy Johnson-Curt Schilling one-two combo. I flipped a coin and Washington told me to go with the Cards to win it in a close one.

The Anaheim Angels will have the daunting task of trying to knock off the defending AL Champions, the New York Yankees. I think the Yanks' experience will be too much for the Angels. I still can't help but say that maybe, just maybe, the Angels can win. On the field it all levels off and as they say, on any given day the little guy can win.

That's why they play the games.

The other NL match-up features the San Francisco Giants at the Atlanta Braves. The Giants will take this one even though the Braves have better pitching, plus the fact that the Giants always choke in the playoffs. I guess it doesn't help that Barry Bonds is as useful in the playoffs as a bikini is to an Eskimo.

In the AL, the Minnesota Twins will face off against the Oakland A's, who defied all expectations and made it to the playoffs despite having lost Jason



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Giambi to the Yankees. The Twins have been the gnats of the AL, pestering every team they faced this year and holding strong all the way through—unlike last year when they choked after the All-Star break. The A's will win behind their trio of Zito, Hudson, and Mulder but it should be a good series because both teams don't know the word quit.

The AL representative will be the Oakland A's. I am tired of seeing the Yankees win. I think 26 World Championships is enough for a while. The A's are the new blood and I think they have the determination to win.

The NL representative will be the St. Louis Cardinals because I can't pick any of the other two teams.

In the World Series it will be Cardinals at A's with the A's winning a close but exciting series in six. All teams go to their corners and come swinging when you hear the beginning of October.

By **John Strubelt**

*Collegian Editor*

OK, I'll admit it: The playoff gods and I don't get along very well anymore. No matter how much research I do (or don't do) or how insightful my picks seem to be, my teams always get shut down during their respective playoff runs. Therefore, hopefully not to the detriment of the teams I'm really rooting for, I present to you my bogus picks.

I'm going to start in the National League, because that's typically the league I prefer in the Series. I've got you now, blasted playoff gods! Note to readers: Do not place any bets based on these predictions.

**Arizona Diamondbacks:** Yes, they are the team that actually managed to knock off the Yankees in a classic seven-game series last year (for which I'm forever grateful), but they're also limping into the playoffs this year. Curt Schilling started off this season on a tremendous pace and seemed to have a lock on the Cy Young Award. However, he's struggled in recent starts, while teammate Randy Johnson has come on strong. While I still expect these two to perform very well, I think the loss of outfielder Luis Gonzalez will be too much for the D-backs to overcome.

**Atlanta Braves:** My team, er, I mean, gosh they stink! Their starting pitching has been top-notch with the usual suspects of Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine. But unlike past Braves teams, this year's club actually has a great bullpen, whose ERA has hovered around two all season. Add to that the fact that for the first time ever, the Braves have the league's most dominant closer in John Smoltz, who saved an NL-record 55 games. I smell World Series. I mean, I don't!

**San Francisco Giants:** What can you say about the Giants? This team is all about league MVP candidate Barry Bonds, who won the batting title and drew a record 198 walks. Unfortunately, Bonds has done zilch in his playoff career and I don't expect that to change much this year. All will depend upon whether centerfielder Kenny Lofton can get on base for the Giants big guns of Bonds and second baseman Jeff Kent. As far as pitching is concerned, though, I don't like any of their starters. Ugh, don't expect much from them. Hmm, come to think of it, they might just go all the way.

**St. Louis Cardinals:** The Cards have

what may be the most dangerous lineup of any of the National League playoff teams. Think about it: Scott Rolen, Jim Edmonds, J.D. Drew, Tino Martinez and Albert Pujols. That's a pitcher's nightmare. Their weak spot, like the Giants, is their starting pitching; but if they can put up enough runs, that shouldn't really matter.

**NL World Series pick:** Giants. Don't ask.

Now it's on to the American League, the more fun, er, boring of the two.

**Anaheim Angels:** I was waiting for the Angels to have their traditional second half meltdown, but it never happened. Even during the Oakland A's fabulous winning streak, the Angels managed to keep pace. The Angels are a good young team that will continue their rise to excellence over the next few years. Unfortunately, they're facing the Yankees.

**Minnesota Twins:** Who would've thought the Twins would be in the playoffs? Certainly not Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig, who actually attempted to contract the Twins. Torii Hunter is one of the best defensive centerfielders in all of baseball and he's certainly an offensive threat as well. Like the Angels, I think the Twins' lack of experience will be their downfall. But it'd be fun to see the Twins back in the Series.

**New York Yankees:** Ugh, the Yankees: my mortal enemies and incidentally my World Series pick. This is actually one of the most dangerous Yankee teams in recent years, on the offensive side of the ball anyway. Jason Giambi had another phenomenal year and Alfonso Soriano almost had a 40-40 season. Plus the postseason is Derek Jeter's time to shine. The Yanks will be tough to beat.

**Oakland Athletics:** The A's have been fantastic for the last few seasons, yet I have continuously cursed them in the playoffs. Well, that and the Yankees. I thought the loss of Giambi would affect the A's in a negative way. Now if it's possible, the A's are fielding their best team since the days of the Bash Brothers Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco. Miguel Tejada had an MVP season, and let's not forget their phenomenal pitching staff, the big three of Tim Hudson, Mark Mulder and Cy Young candidate Barry Zito. Gosh, who could possibly beat these guys? Hmm, I mean any other team could.

**AL World Series pick:** The Yanks. They're my favorite! *Right.*



# Las mujeres profesionales sí pueden

Por Jamie Standeford

Reportera

Lidia Díaz, profesora de lenguas modernas, será una oradora clave en este semestre para el seminario de la organización "Professional Women Speak".

"Yo trataré de presentar la historia de mi vida; como llegué a ser una profesional, todos los obstáculos que tuve que superar, lo difícil que fue llegar hasta donde estoy, lo difícil que fue para mí dejar mi país para venir aquí y el número de puertas que se me abrieron en este país pero que se me cerraron en mi país", dijo Díaz.

La organización "Professional Women Speak" fue establecida en 1981 y fue fundada conjuntamente por Juliet V. García, decana del Colegio de Artes y Ciencias de TSC en ese entonces y Ethel Cantú,

consejera de TSC en ese entonces, ahora profesora de ciencias del comportamiento y concejal de "Professional Women Speak".

El seminario reconoce a mujeres en campos profesionales que han tenido éxito antes o después de sus estudios debido a su arduo trabajo y determinación.

Deloria Nanze-Davis, jefa del Departamento de Matemáticas y presidenta de "Professional Women Speak", dijo que no hubo mucha deliberación al escoger a un candidato.

"Estamos tratando de participar en el mes de la Herencia Hispana", dijo Nanze-Davis. "Alguien sugirió su nombre y todos estuvieron de acuerdo. Nosotros pensamos que ella sería una oradora muy interesante".

Díaz estuvo encantada con la

invitación y aceptó amablemente.

"Me sentí muy honrada porque entiendo la importancia de las voces de las mujeres en todos los aspectos de nuestras vidas", dijo Díaz. "Y esta organización está haciendo un trabajo maravilloso al tratar de enseñar cómo las mujeres se desenvuelven en su profesión. Haber sido seleccionada como una de ellas es un verdadero honor para mí".

Díaz, originaria de Argentina, llegó a los Estados Unidos con su esposo Mario y dos hijos en 1988, después de que su esposo obtuvo una beca de dos años en la Universidad de Pittsburgh para un puesto post-doctoral.

"Al principio, vinimos [a los Estados Unidos] por dos años y decidimos quedarnos dos años más para estudiar", dijo Díaz. "Y dos años después, la situación de nuestro país empeoró [y] decidimos no regresar. No fue una decisión fácil. Amo mi país con todo mi corazón: mi hermana, mi madre, [las] calles, [el] olor, [la] música".

Díaz dijo que cuando llegó a los Estados Unidos había muchas oportunidades para las mujeres de obtener un puesto profesional.

"Algunas veces yo estuve muy molesta porque no fue fácil en Argentina", dijo Díaz. "Después de que empiezas y obtienes un buen puesto, tienes que competir, no sólo con algunos puntos machistas, sino también con la corrupción. Pero para mí la educación, en cualquier área, fue la clave. Supe desde el principio que sin educación no iba a llegar a ningún lado en la vida. Mi esposo fue mi gran motivador. El me animó a continuar".

A pesar de que Díaz admite que su esposo, quien es jefe interino del Departamento de Tecnología Ingenieril, la ha influenciado grandemente, dice que su ejemplo a seguir es su hija Macarena.

"Mi hija es un ejemplo a seguir para mí", dijo Díaz. "La admiro mucho. Ella es muy inteligente. Somos muy amigas. Ella obtuvo su doctorado en psicología clínica y se mudó a Nueva York".

La presentación de Díaz, titulada "¡Sí, se puede!", se presentará el jueves a las 11 a.m. en el auditorio del SET-B. Como parte de su presentación, tres miembros del grupo de teatro universitario "La Ventana" actuarán una escena de 10 minutos de una obra. Habrá una recepción al término del evento.

## Empleado gana boletos para premier de la película 'Frida'

Por Josie Ruiz

Editora del Collegian Online

El especialista de desarrollo estudiantil Héctor González, va a Hollywood.

González, quién trabaja en la Oficina de Relaciones con Nuevos Estudiantes y es un estudiante de maestría en español, ganó dos boletos a la premier inicial de "Frida" después de que su lema publicitario, "Vive la pasión, siente el arte", ganó el primer lugar en un concurso patrocinado por [www.cineversal.com](http://www.cineversal.com). Su slogan fue uno de más de 200 que fueron enviados.

"Yo admiro a Salma [Hayek] y admiro a Frida [Kahlo] . . . Yo estaba esperando la película por casi siete años", dijo González después de que fue informado el 30 de septiembre que ganó el concurso.

La premier inicial fue fijada para el 5 de octubre en el cine egipcio en Hollywood.

"La prensa, estrellas de Hollywood y gente así fue invitada", dijo González.

Hayek interpreta el papel de la artista mexicana Frida Kahlo en la película.

"Es seguro que voy a conocer [Hayek], por eso voy", dijo González. "Lo que me hizo más feliz fue que ella escogió [el lema publicitario]. Ellos me dijeron que a ella le gustó mucho. . . . Lo que les llamó la atención fue que la gente normalmente pone 'siente la pasión, vive el arte' y yo lo hice al revés".

González envió tres slogans, dos de los cuales estuvieron entre los cinco finalistas.

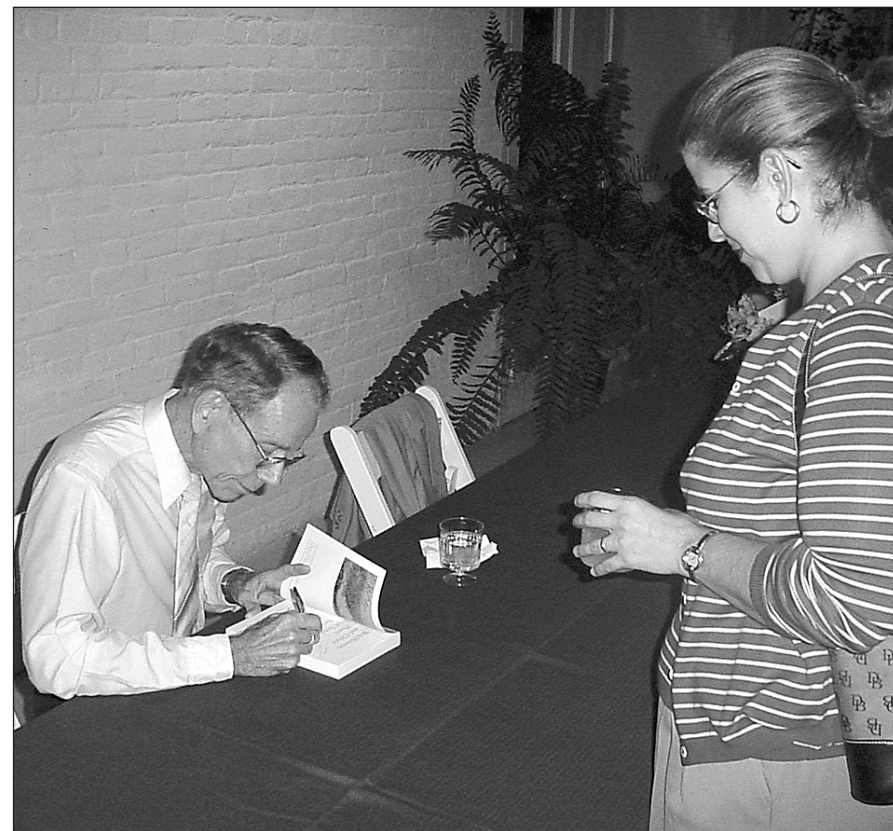
"Ellos me dijeron que dos de mis lemas publicitarios estaban entre los cinco finalistas. . . . Ellos me dijeron que estaban pensando en darme el primer y tercer lugar, pero decidieron que el único que iba a recibir los boletos era el primero, entonces no importaba . . . Ellos quisieron hacer a alguien más sentirse mejor, creo yo".

La película abre en cines el primero de noviembre.

## Corrección

En un artículo acerca del nombramiento del Dr. Manuel Medrano como consultor para la compañía editorial Prentice Hall en la edición del 30 de septiembre de 2002, El Collegian incorrectamente escribió que cambios en libros de texto de historia van a ser hechos inmediatamente por el editor en vez de esperar por la decisión final del Consejo Estatal de Educación de este año. De hecho, el editor propondrá los cambios antes de la decisión del Consejo de adoptar el texto. Además, José M. López, receptor de la Medalla de Honor, testificó ante el Consejo Estatal de Texas de Educación, no su hija.

## Dando un toque personal



ALEX RIVERA/COLLEGIAN

*Alfred Richardson, profesor emérito de botánica, autografía una copia de su libro titulado "Wildflowers, and Other Plants of Texas Beaches and Islands" para Roberta Álvarez, maestra de ciencias de la secundaria Cummings el pasado viernes por la noche en el edificio Alonso. El libro es una guía de campo que identifica la flora notoria de las playas de Texas desde el Río Grande a la costa de Louisiana.*



# Running on empty? Fuel up at campus eateries

By Leslie Robinson  
Staff Writer

You now have more choices when it comes to eating on campus.

Las Cruces, a Mexican food concession, opens officially today in the Student Union's *El Comedor*. Its fare ranges from breakfast tacos and chicken-fried steak to smoothies and ice cream.

Las Cruces is the third concession in the food court, which opened in late August with the Great Steak and Potato Co. and Italia Express. Great Steak's fare includes sandwiches, burgers and baked potatoes; Italia Express offers pizza, calzones, salads and pasta. New on the menu are lasagna, vegetable lasagna, fettuccine and chicken parmesan.

A television and a sitting area with sofas are planned for the food court.

"We are trying to liven up the [food court] so it's more attractive for students," said Henry Sanchez, owner of

Great Steak and Potato Co. at the Student Union food court and Sunrise Mall. "It has a variety of different foods like you find at a food court in the mall at mall prices, as opposed to several college food courts, [which] have higher prices."

Prices at the food court range from \$1 to \$6.29.

Las Cruces is open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; Great Steak and Potato Co. and Italia Express are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Across the street and inside the UTB/TSC Bookstore is U-Mix, a coffee, juice and deli bar. It offers smoothies, sandwiches, salads, coffee drinks and gourmet pizzas. Customers also can enjoy board games at the restaurant while listening to music.

U-Mix owner Ernesto Escudero said he plans to add chicken quesadillas, a grilled chicken Philly sandwich, and a turkey sandwich with pesto dressing to the menu. The most popular foods are



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**Fernando Fuentes (right) cooks a burger at the Great Steak & Potato Co. concession in the Student Union's El Comedor on Thursday. A third concession, Las Cruces, featuring Mexican food opens officially today.**

gourmet pizzas, sandwiches, and their most popular drinks are smoothies, mochas, and cappuccinos. U-Mix has board games while chatting with your friends. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

If you're looking for an inexpensive home-style meal, the Catholic Campus Ministry offers "Steal-a-Meal" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday.

"This is going to be our 13th year that we sell a plate for a dollar and this originally came up when one of the students was interested in rendering service to other students here on campus," said Hilda Escandon, Catholic Campus min-

ister. "It gives students the opportunity to come and eat a nice hot meal at least once a week."

About 250 people show up every Wednesday to purchase a plate that is prepared weekly by the parents of the students involved in the Catholic Campus Ministry.

Their main dish is Mexican food, but they do have a variety.

The proceeds from Steal-a-Meal help to buy the ingredients for the next meal and are also used to purchase food for activities held after Bible study and Mass.

"We try to use the students' talents to be of service to our community," Escandon said.

## Veterans Fair



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**Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz (front row, third from left) is shown with volunteers during the Congressional Veterans Summit and Fair Sept. 22 at the UTB/TSC West Campus. More than 700 veterans and their families took part in the event, which featured information on housing, transportation, employment, health, social services, education, and veterans' services and organizations. It was sponsored by Ortiz and UTB/TSC's Veterans Upward Bound Program. The GEAR-UP program provided refreshments and entertainment. The volunteers are participants in the VUB program and staff members. They are (front row, from left) Eddie Cardona, Jaime Urbina, Veterans Upward Bound Coordinator David Rivera, Abel Farias, Jaime Herrera, Felipe Herrera and Robert Vela. Back row: VUB Student Development Specialist Priscilla Martinez, VUB Administrative Assistant Laura Hernandez, Daniel Bustinza, Claudia Hawkins, Isaias Medellin, Rosendo Robledo and Mark Boswell.**

## E-mail

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gone and no exact documentation exists as to how many people currently have an active account.

"Early [last] spring we were audited [by the UTB/TSC Internal Audits] and one of the results of the audit was that we did not have enough documentation on our e-mail accounts; we did not know how many people were real students, real faculty, real staff so they wanted us to implement new policies ... basically revamp our entire e-mail system," said Emma L. Miller, Help Desk/Customer Support supervisor for Information Services.

Miller said that aside from the announced deadline for e-mail changes being on the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library's home page, "we are going to be sending out

another e-mail to all the faculty, staff and students, letting them know that we have extended the date of deleting [the old] accounts to Nov. 1."

"About 3,600 students have renewed their accounts, one-third of the estimated 11,000 [accounts] mainly because they were unaware of the change in policy," Gonzalez said.

If account holders do not go through the renewal, all information will be deleted.

"The expiration prohibits students to use accounts ... whatever information they had in the accounts, whether it be research or work, will be lost," Gonzalez said.

To create a new account, students must present a current statement of charges and a picture ID when they fill out an application at the Open Computer Lab, located in the second floor of the library.



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around the student.

"Jesus is a very conscientious and serious young man who has all the desire in the world to contribute to our society," says Danielle Shorts of the Denver office of the American Friends Service Committee, a religious-based group. "It doesn't make sense to cut short that ambition."

In the last 18 months, Texas, California, New York and Utah have approved laws that allow undocumented immigrants to get more affordable tuition. And a federal bill is pending in Congress that would apply to all states. Its advocates dub it the "Dream Act."

The case in Denver takes on greater proportions as the nation now has the largest number of foreign-born residents in its history at about 26 million. About 8 million to 9 million immigrants are estimated to be here illegally.

Moreover, the foreign-born have lower education rates than native-born residents. About 65 percent of immigrants have a high school degree vs. 84 percent for native-born residents, the U.S. Census Bureau says.

"This whole family is getting punished because of the success and courage of their son," said Cecilia Munoz, policy vice president at the National Council of La Raza, a Washington, D.C., advocacy group.

The case got even messier when the Denver Post reported that Tancredo had undocumented immigrants remodeling the basement at his home. Tancredo noted that he did not directly hire the workers. Such an action imposes on the employer the duty to check the workers' immigration status and to fill out a form known as an I-9.

The workers were hired by a contractor, effectively a third party.

Besides, the congressman said, he was also prohibited from asking about the legal status of workers by civil rights statutes.

The nation is "schizophrenic" about immigration, he said.

"The Democratic Party looks at massive immigration--legal and illegal--and sees potential voters," the congressman said. "The Republican Party looks at massive immigration--legal and illegal--and sees potential cheap labor."

Even before this tangled tale began for Tancredo, he had formed an immigration reform caucus on Capitol Hill. Up for debate in summer 2001 was the potential for another amnesty program for undocumented immigrants, who last received one in 1986. Another possibility was a guest-worker program, as wide

in scale as the one started after World War II.

Tancredo supported the guest-worker plan but not the amnesty.

The potential for passage of this immigration reform evaporated with the terrorist attacks and subsequent calls for greater controls on visas and immigration at all U.S. entry points.

As for the Dream Act and cheaper tuition for undocumented immigrants, forget about it, Tancredo says.

Tancredo, who is up for re-election, has his supporters. For one thing, his district is Republican. And some think his stance on illegal immigration will reap political capital in the November election.

"He is clearly in step with his district on this," says Steve Camarota, the director of research at the Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, a group that endorses immigration restrictions. "It is amazing that you would have a front-page story with a picture saying who they are and where they live and that they want to attend college on a subsidized price. That is pretty brazen."

Back in the Lone Star State, the tale's twists and turns are "amazing" to Rick Noriega, a state representative from Houston. Last year, he was the chief proponent of the state law that provides in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants. The national immigration system is broken, he says, and that forces states to take action that shapes immigration policy.

"I am proud that here in the gateway to the United States-Texas--we have made a moral decision to educate," he says.

In May 2001, Texas became the first state to provide the cheaper tuition for undocumented immigrants. Even before that, in January 1999, the Dallas County Community College District approved such tuition for anyone who resided in the county for a year or longer.

About 2,000 students without citizenship took advantage of the new law by the spring semester of this year, said an official with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The law provides in-state tuition for those who are here illegally, provided they promise to adjust their status as soon as it becomes feasible. The law also provides cheaper tuition for those who are in the legalization pipeline, as well.

California, New York and Utah also have similar laws.

"When you educate a person, there is no way you can lose in terms of what it gives our society and our government," says Diana Flores, a Dallas County Community College trustee. "Why treat them like criminals?"

## More space to park



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*Serapio Huerta of R&R Paving Co. of San Benito puts the finishing touches on a new parking lot west of the Life and Health Sciences building on Sept. 30. It will be the site of a ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled at 8:30 a.m. today for four new lots located on Ridgely Road between 21st and 24th streets. The new lots will have a total of 478 spaces. The campus currently has a total of 3,000 spaces, according the Office of News and Information. R&R Paving's contract for 360 parking spaces totaled \$537,948, according to Raul Morales, director of the Physical Plant. BFW Construction built 127 spaces, but a contract amount was not available at press time.*

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# Who wants to be president?

*Chicago Tribune*

With show-biz values increasingly infecting the world of politics, it seems oddly inevitable that a television network would nominate its own presidential candidate.

Sure enough, that time has come. The FX cable network has announced "American Candidate," a series that will audition amateur aspirants to the presidency in the way that "American Idol" auditioned would-be singing stars.

The rationale is obvious. Kelly Clarkson, winner of the "American Idol" talent search, recorded a CD as part of her winnings. The recording immediately soared to the top of pop music sales charts. A star was born. Why not a new political star, too?

A panel will review "American Candidate" applicants and pick two semifinalists from each state. In 13 episodes, home viewers and a studio audience will vote also-rans off the show as they campaign against one another across the country. That sounds not unlike the way conventional candidates are reviewed by party leaders, interest groups and major contributors on their way to the popularity contests also known as party primaries.

Considering the wildly unexpected success of so-called reality shows such as "Survivor" and "The Osbournes," the network has reason to be excited about the possibilities. If Americans like politicians who know how to perform, maybe they'll like performers who like to pursue politics. In prior election cycles we've seen entertainers such as former President Ronald Reagan, Tennessee Republican Sen. Fred Thompson, and Minnesota's outgoing (in more ways than one) Gov. Jesse Ventura evolve into politicians with remarkable ease.

But, one wonders, how can politics be a fit subject for reality TV?

"Unscripted" is a more accurate description of most reality shows, since they often present a heavily staged version of reality. Yet political campaigns are becoming increasingly scripted. Campaigns brim with prefabricated stump speeches, expensive media coaches and canned responses to policy questions. An unanticipated question and an unrehearsed answer (other than an occasional "I'm not sure if I did [inhale] or not") are about as rare in today's politics as a real injury in a professional wrestling match.

Which, upon reflection, is the best reason for audiences to be curious about the new FX show. Maybe, just maybe, its contestants will offer something that conventional campaigns so rarely offer: spontaneity.

What's more, as the cost of running for office climbs to staggering heights, "American Candidate" looks like a refreshingly open, relatively cheap and, one can hope, thoroughly honest way to bring new voices into the national debate.

If the effort succeeds, rest assured that the derivative world of network TV will embrace it, copy it and spin it off into countless look-alike versions. By 2008 every network could have its own well-vetted candidate vying for an oval office on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Next could come local shows: "Stumping for Mayor," "Who Wants to be County Auditor?" and "Township Treasurer or Bust."



## Student Soapbox

### What would you do to improve the Student Union?

"I would add more parking, because the only parking is the bookstore and it's always full."

**--Liliana Galindo**  
Sophomore history major

"I think that we need more information about the activities because most students are always at North and South buildings."

**--Jerry Lara**  
Freshman engineering technology major

"I would add more things to do, an arcade, something so the students could actually feel at home, somewhere where they could come relax."

**--Roman Ramos**  
Freshman biology major

"We need more attraction over here because we've had a lot of activities but nobody really knows about [them]."

**--Cindy Sanchez**  
Freshman art major

"I think it would be a good idea for more fliers or communication to be placed throughout the school."

**--Rosacana De Leon**  
Freshman health sciences major

*--Compiled by Leslie Robinson*

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# Music videos strike popular chord at festival

By Sonia Mejia  
Staff Writer

More than 200 people filled the Student Union ballroom last Tuesday to view artwork, make music videos and have their caricatures done at the first-ever Student Activities art festival.

The event also featured an intense demonstration by the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Club. Martha Velasco, a petite freshman finance major, held her own against male club members in self-defense.

Free soft drinks and cookies were served. The International Student Organization sold ceviche and chips.

Student Activities Director Vince

Solis said 48 students posed for caricatures.

Music videos appeared to be the most popular event. Students and staff donned outlandish wigs and costumes to participate in the music videos featuring songs of their choice. Participants received a free DVD recording of their performance.

Solis said about 50 videos were recorded.

Senior art major Lucy Hernandez displayed her artwork, while another student sold beaded jewelry.

"Personally, I think it's pretty cool," Hernandez said when asked what she thought about the art festival. "It's a form of getting students [involved in] the activities that we have."



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*Sophomore criminal justice major Ramon Garza (left) buys ceviche from Thelma Sullivan, Mari Galindo and Maricar Christil V. Zarate of the International Students Organization during the Art Festival in the Student Union ballroom.*



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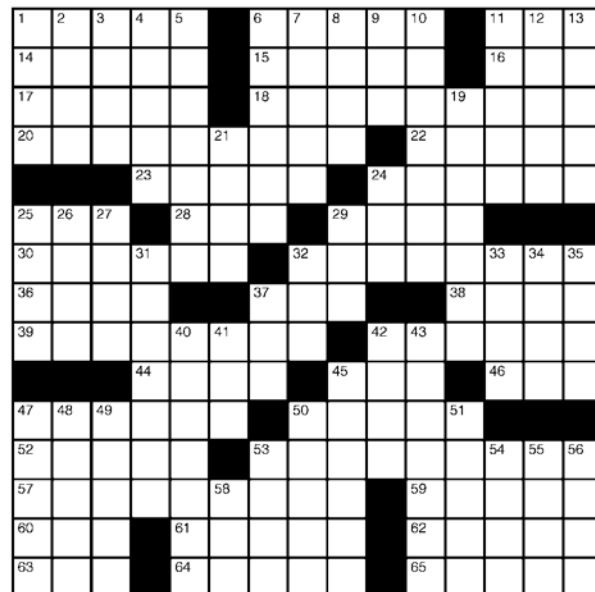
*Freshman finance major Martha Velasco prepares to flip sophomore Emmanuel Jose Galvan during the Jiu Jitsu demonstration.*

## Crossword

- 1 Metal fasteners
- 6 Moocher
- 11 Links org.
- 14 Humiliate
- 15 Dwight's rival
- 16 Fall behind
- 17 "The Last Supper," for example
- 18 Entirely unlike
- 20 Art of the inanimate
- 22 Reveal
- 23 Temperamental
- 24 Expel from a country
- 25 Diligent insect
- 28 "Born in the \_\_\_\_"
- 29 Calendar span
- 30 Beds down on a branch
- 32 Four-time U.S. Open golf champion
- 36 Legendary lawman
- 37 Keg feature
- 38 Earthenware pot
- 39 Merino breeder
- 42 Clumsy
- 44 African nation
- 45 "Mr. \_\_\_\_"
- 46 \_\_\_\_ constrictor
- 47 Beatty/Hoffman movie of 1987
- 50 Artist Jasper
- 52 Chicago airport
- 53 Roads across water
- 57 Fund-raising events
- 59 Philosopher Kierkegaard
- 60 Jurist Fortas
- 61 Hautboys
- 62 Singer Lopez
- 63 For example
- 64 Actor Nick
- 65 Beer stimulant

### DOWN

- 1 Bad actors
- 2 Border (on)
- 3 Indian garb
- 4 One of David's songs
- 5 Full theater
- 6 Pretentious
- 7 Enlighten
- 8 Other
- 9 Baseball hat
- 10 Racetrack near Miami
- 11 "Phaedo" author
- 12 Gainesville athlete
- 13 Contract negotiator
- 19 Strong admonition
- 21 Minus money
- 24 Cub Scout unit
- 25 Belligerent god
- 26 Biblical ark-itect
- 27 Ripped up
- 29 Casual agreement
- 31 Gloucester ghost
- 32 Forbid
- 33 Silver-tongued
- 34 Furthermore
- 35 Okinawa port
- 37 Small boy
- 40 Touring car
- 41 Damage
- 42 Aahs' partners
- 43 General pardon



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## Solutions



- 45 Fluffy dessert
- 47 Small amounts
- 48 Yul Brynner film, "Solomon and \_\_\_\_"
- 49 Bill \_\_\_\_ and the Comets
- 50 Singer Jackson
- 51 Vowed
- 53 Neato!
- 54 Opera song
- 55 Urges
- 56 Annoying fit
- 58 SHO rival



# Staffer wins tickets to Hollywood sneak preview of 'Frida'

By Josie Ruiz  
Collegian Online Editor

Student Development Specialist Hector Gonzalez is going to Hollywood.

Gonzalez, who works in the office of New Student Relations, earned two tickets to the Los Angeles sneak preview of "Frida" after his tagline, "Live the passion, feel the art," won first place in a contest sponsored by [www.cineversal.com](http://www.cineversal.com). His slogan was one of more than 200 entries.

"I admire Salma [Hayek] and I admire Frida [Kahlo] ... I was waiting for the movie for almost seven years," Gonzalez said after he was notified Sept. 30 that he won the contest.

The sneak preview was set for Oct. 5 at the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.

"The media, Hollywood stars and people like that were invited," said Gonzalez, who is pursuing a master's

degree in Spanish.

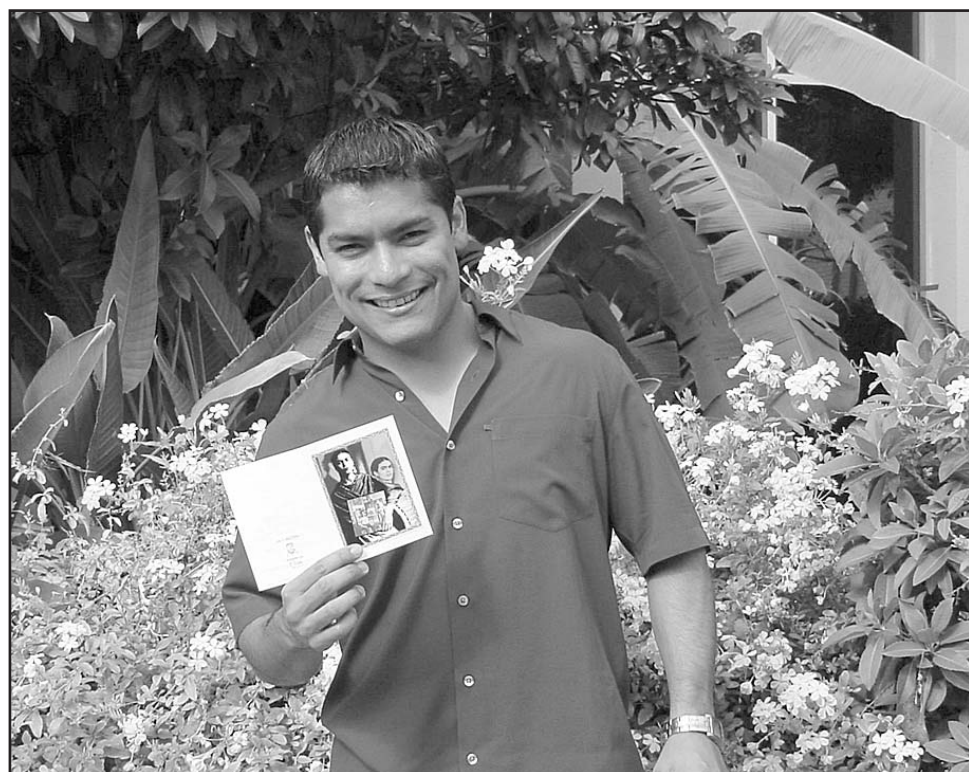
Hayek portrays Mexican artist Frida Kahlo in the film.

"It is sure that I am going to meet [Hayek], that's why I'm going," Gonzalez said. "What made me happier was that she picked [the tagline]. They told me she really liked it a lot. ... What caught their attention was that people usually put 'feel the passion, live the art' and I did it the other way."

Gonzalez submitted three slogans, two of which were among the five finalists.

"They told me that two of my taglines were in the top five. ... They told me that they were thinking about giving me first and third place, but they decided that the only one that was going to get the tickets was first place, so it didn't really matter. ... They wanted to make someone else feel good, I think."

The movie opens nationwide Nov. 1.



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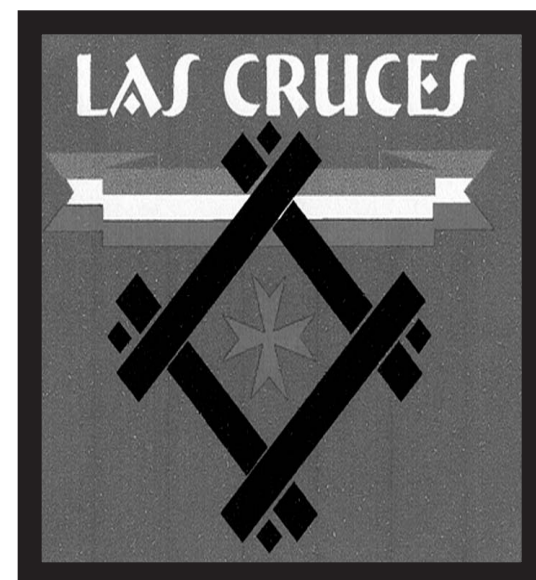




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